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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 4, 1999,
please reconsider the above-identified application amended as
follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for the production of a paper web from a fiber suspension in a twin wire former comprising:

causing first and second web forming wire belts to travel along a path together to form a twin wire zone of the twin wire former, with the web between the wire belts as the wire belts travel along the path through the twin wire zone, each wire belt forming an endless loop;

feeding the wire belts across a single forming roll at the start of the path through the twin wire zone;

supporting the wire belts such as to form a wedge shaped entrance slot into the twin wire zone;

supplying a fiber suspension from a headbox directly to the wedge shaped entrance slot of the twin wire zone;

draining water from the fiber suspension by means of the forming roll in order to start the forming of the web from the fiber suspension;